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Liberty County Public Library

BTOP Public Computing Center Goals and Objectives

Montana's project promotes three BTOP statutory purposes:

- 1) provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in under-served areas of the country;
- 2) provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to libraries; and,
- 3) stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

Objectives

- 1) increase broadband speeds at participating libraries up to 21 mbps;
- 2) cut wait times in half by increasing the total number of workstations and expanding library operation hours;
- 3) improve access by purchasing ADA compliant software, hardware, and furniture, and through minor renovation projects aimed at increasing accessibility of computing center facilities;
- 4) offer courses to increase computer literacy; and
- 5) provide Internet and library resources to rural Montana using a mobile computer lab.

Successes

Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
Triangle Telephone Company	4.00	12.00

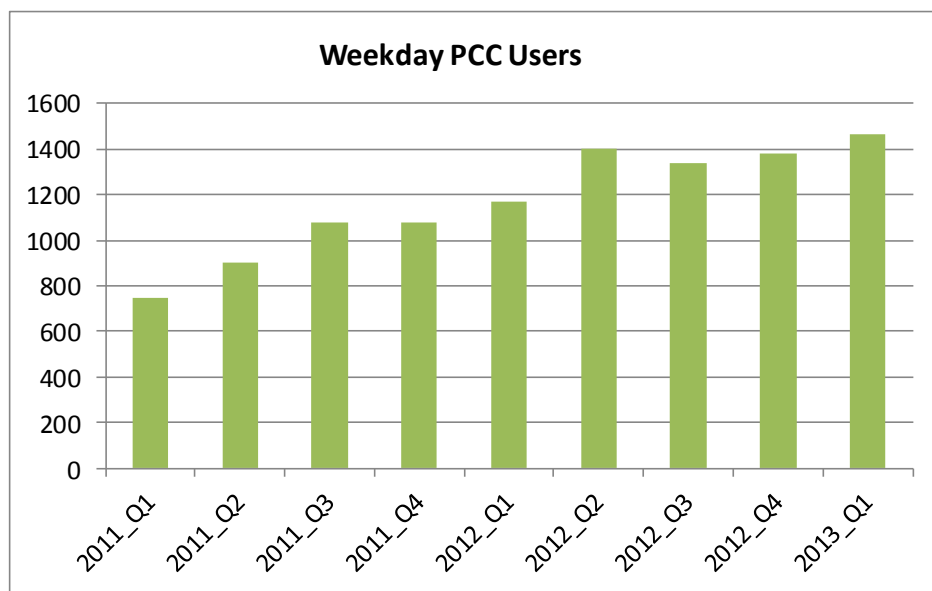
Liberty County Public Library Computing Center Now Offers...

- ◆ 5 desktop computers
- ◆ 1 Apple work station
- ◆ 1 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ 1 ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 low dexterity mouse
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 5 privacy screens
- ◆ iPad
- ◆ Kindle Keyboard
- ◆ Kindle Fire
- ◆ Nook Tablet
- ◆ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ◆ Google Nexus
- ◆ Coby Snapp digital video camera

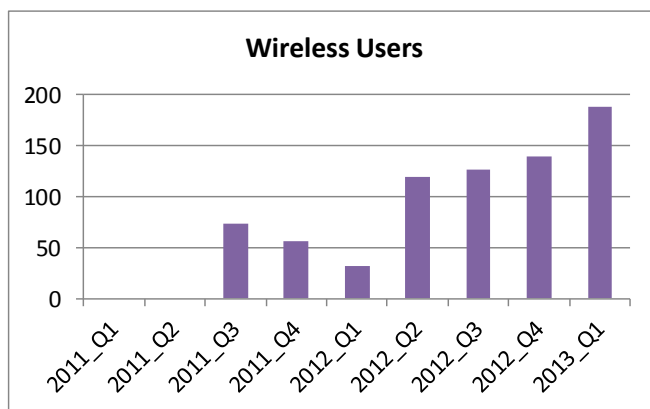


- > We handed out 14 Flash Drives this month to patrons. We also promoted the bookmarks and let more and more people know about the BTOP program.
- > I have prepared a monthly ad to promote the BTOP computers. It will go into our local newspaper this week, circulation of 1,100 paid subscriptions.
- > Our tourists and bicyclists love our library and we tell them that we are very fortunate to have such nice computers and great resources to go along with the computers. They are so appreciative of a better-than-adequate library.

Public Computer Center Usage



Patrons who have taken advantage of public wireless access



Benefitting from Technology Training

Length of Program (per hour basis)	Number of Patron Training Hours	Number of Library Staff Training Hours
72.68	221	3